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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$7,500,000
Reserve Fund, \$4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Prof., \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—Hon. JOHN BELL-IRVING.
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.
O. D. BOTTOMLEY, Esq.
W. G. BRIDGES, Esq.
H. L. DAKY, Esq.
J. F. HOLLAND, Esq.
Hon. B. LAYTON.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 363

INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$50 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked *On Hongkong Savings Bank Business* is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 764

Intimations.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Pender's Street, on THURSDAY, the 7th February, at Noon, to receive a Statement of the Accounts of the Company to the 31st December, 1888, and to discuss any matters that may be competently brought before the Meeting. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 28th January to 7th Proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 24, 1889. 142

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

OFFICES have this day been removed to BRASSERIE D'AMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, January 24, 1889. 172

Intimations.

CHINESE NEW YEAR BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on THURSDAY, the 31st January.

For the 'Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China.'
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.'
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.'
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

For the 'Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris.'
CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Agent, Hongkong.

For the New 'Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited.'
E. W. RUTTER,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, January 26, 1889. 158

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

WEEKLY SPOON COMPETITION.

WILL take place NEXT SATURDAY, 2nd February, 3.30 p.m.
500 YARDS RANGE—10 SHOTS. ENTRANCE FEE 10 CENTS; to be paid to the Register Keeper on the Ground before firing.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 26, 1889. 154

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twentieth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road, Victoria, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon of TUESDAY, the 19th February, 1889, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1888.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th Proximo to the 19th Proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1889. 170

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 3.15 o'clock p.m., of the 19th day of February, 1889, when the proposed Resolution will be proposed.

By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1889. 171

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Forty-fifth Ordinary Half Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 19, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 2nd February, at 12 o'clock (noon), for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th Instant to 2nd February, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1889. 60

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

IT is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of February next, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1888.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 25, 1889. 148

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

THE REGISTERS SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 9th to SATURDAY, the 23rd February next (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 25, 1889. 149

No. 7, WYNDHAM STREET.

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

COMFORTABLE HOME FOR SINGLE GENTLEMEN.

Moderate Terms.
Mrs. KJELLER,
Proprietress.

Hongkong, January 26, 1889. 161

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

BIG TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THEIR VERY LARGE STOCK OF LAMPS AND LANTERNS.

TABLE LAMPS in BRASS, BRONZE & FANCY PORCELAIN. Fitted with Hink's Patent Bracket Lamps, Single or Double. Triple-action. Safety. HANGING LAMPS, 1, 3, 4, 5 or 6 Light. This Burner is fitted with a simple lever-action extinguisher, which puts out the light if the Lamp is upset, and can be readily taken to pieces to clean.

The above Lamps can also be fitted with Hink's Windproof Patent Burners. HINK'S WINDPROOF LANTERNS, WALL LAMPS and HANGING LAMPS, suitable for Out-door and Verandah use.

TABLE LAMPS in BRASS, BRONZE and FANCY PORCELAIN. The 'Lamp Bells' Circular Burner, up-draught system, gives a very white light of 45 C.P. and cannot explode.

MARTIN'S Patent 'LIGHTHOUSE' LAMPS, Table and Hanging. CHAIR LANTERNS. HAND LANTERNS. WALL LANTERNS. POCKET LANTERNS. BULL'S EYE LANTERNS, CIGAR LIGHTERS, and LAMPS of all descriptions.

SHIPS' LAMPS for SALOON, CABIN, BULKHEAD or BERTH, all kinds, to burn Colza, Kerosine or Candle; these Lamps are all specially selected for the China Trade, they are very strong and may be had in Bronze or Nickel-plated.

NURSEY LAMPS, WATCHMANS LAMPS, FOCAL LANTERNS, BULL'S EYE LANTERNS, CIGAR LIGHTERS, and LAMPS of all descriptions.

500 Lamps and Lanterns to select from. DEVOES' 'NONPAREIL' KEROSENE, 150° TEST. Burns with a strong white light. BATHROOM KEROSENE, 130° TEST. Perfectly safe. GLOBES, SHADES, REFLECTORS, CHIMNIES, WICKS, BURNERS and FITTINGS of all kinds, kept in stock for any of above Lamps.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, January 29, 1889. 174

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers and Gentlemen's Outfitters.

HAVE RECEIVED THEIR SECOND DELIVERY OF WINTER COATINGS, TWEED AND DRESS SUITINGS, TROUSERS, and ULSTER TWEEDS.

A Very Stylish Selection. OUR OUTFITTING STOCK IS ALSO COMPLETE IN SEASONABLE GOODS. QUEEN'S ROAD (opposite Hongkong Hotel), Hongkong, January 14, 1889. 69

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been re-modelled and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

THE ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been re-furnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind is of the best description. An ample and varied Table D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

THE HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, BILLIARD and SMOKE ROOMS. The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1612

W. POWELL & Co.

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

W. POWELL & Co. INVITE the inspection of Intending Purchasers to their Show of SPECIAL LITLES in HIGH CLASS FURNITURE, which for PRICE, QUALITY and FINISH will compare favourably with anything produced in the East.

UPHOLSTERY of every description done on the Premises. FURNITURE RE-UPHOLSTRED and REPAIRED. ESTIMATES FREE.

W. POWELL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, January 26, 1889. 167

Intimations.

MASONIC BALL—1889.

A MASONIC BALL, under the Auspices of the District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China, will be held at the CITY HALL ON FRIDAY, the 16th February. BRETHREN desirous of INVITING GUESTS, are requested to send the Names of their Friends to the Undersecretary.

The Subscription is limited to \$10 for Masters and \$5 for each Guest INVITED (Non-Masons).

ALF. WOOLLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1889. 169

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

RESIDENTS in the COLLEGE would materially aid the SENATE of the COLLEGE by forwarding to the ALMOND Memorial Hospital.

(1) Glass Jars (for museum purposes).
(2) Illustrated Papers and Books for the Student's Reading Room and Library.

Address to
JAMES CANTLIE,
Hon. Sec. to the College.

Hongkong, August 7, 1888. 1317

NOTICE.

CHONG KIT SANG, formerly PARTNER in 'SALOON LOON', Drapers Shop, begs to announce to the LADIES of Hongkong and Outports, that he has this Day OPENED THE SHOP.

No. 5, Lyndhurst Terrace, under the Style or Name of TUCK LOONG.

THIS ESTABLISHMENT is now Opening Several CASSES of NEW GOODS, ex Mail Steamers from LONDON and PARIS, comprising NOVELTIES in Ladies' Dress Materials, COSTUME VELVETS, WOOLS, HUSBANDRY, HOSIERY, &c., &c.

A Large Quantity of SPRING and SUMMER GOODS for LADIES and CHILDREN's Wear are now on the way by each Mail Steamer. An Inspection is respectfully solicited.

TUCK LOONG,
No. 5, Lyndhurst Terrace.
Hongkong, January 24, 1889. 141

Business Notices.

THE HALL & HOLTZ

CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, LIMITED.

TAILORS AND OUTFITTERS.

ARE NOW SHOWING AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK OF SEASONABLE GOODS in the above DEPARTMENTS, comprising TWEED SUITINGS, DR. USERINGS, COATINGS, DIAGONAL and SUPERFINE BROAD CLOTHS for DRESS SUITS, SERGES, VESTINGS, FLANNELS, &c., &c.

AN EXPERIENCED CUTTER has arrived from London and all Orders will be executed under his personal Supervision.

RACING JACKETS and CAPS in SILK or SATIN for the RACES. RIDING BREECHES, RIDING BOOTS and TOPS for the RACES. FANCY COSTUMES for PRIVATE THEATRICALS and Fancy DRESS BALLS. BOYS' and YOUTHS' TWEED and VELVET SUITS made to order.

THE OUTFITTING DEPARTMENT has been RE-STOCKED with a SPLENDID ASSORTMENT of SILK, LAMPS' WOOL and MERINO HOSIERY, SHIRTS, COLLARS, SCARVES, TIES, BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, GLOVE, &c., &c.

READY MADE ULSTERS and CHESTERFIELD OVERCOATS, kept in Stock. OVERLAND TRUNKS, GADSTONE BAGS, and TRAVELLING O'SES, in all Sizes.

"SADDLERY." (FOR THE RACES.) "SADDLERY." "STABLE REQUISITES." (FOR THE RACES.) "STABLE REQUISITES."

THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE LTD.
Hongkong, January 26, 1889. 153

For Sale.

FOR SALE. JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Quarts, \$20 per Case of 1 doz. Pints, \$21 " " 2 "

Dubos Freres & Co. de Gernon & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS and WHITE WINES. Baxter's Celebrated 'Barley Brew' WHISKY, \$77 per Case of 1 doz. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1187

To Let.

TO LET. (Entry 1st March next.) N. O. 3, WEST TERRACE. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central.
Hongkong, January 29, 1889. 175

TO LET.

PEAK 'LA HACIENDA,' formerly occupied by Sir GEORGE PHILLIPS. Apply to H. N. MODY, Victoria Buildings.
Hongkong, December 12, 1888. 2006

TO LET.

NOS. 1, 2 & 4, QUEEN'S GARDENS. Apply to G. C. ANDERSON, 13, Praya Central.
Hongkong, January 25, 1889. 147

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 31, 'WEST VILLA,' Pokfulam Road and Third Street. BUNGALOW No. 35, Pokfulam Road and Third Street.

From 1st March, 1889. HOUSE No. 1, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, now in occupation of Dr. C. GIBBELL. Apply to BELLIOS & Co.
Hongkong, January 26, 1889. 163

TO LET.

ROOMS in 'COLLEGE CHAMBERS.' Apply to DAVID SASSON, 1, ONE & CO.
Hongkong, December 12, 1888. 604

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED. FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Taiwan*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG and KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWNS CO., LD., at West Point, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 5th February will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 12th February, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, July 27, 1885. 1128

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE above Company's EXCHANGE is NOW OPEN for Telephonic Communication.

Rate of Subscription is \$80 per Annum, payable quarterly in advance. Electrical Material of all descriptions kept in stock for Sale.

ELECTRIC BELLS a speciality. Houses fitted up and kept in order at most Moderate Prices.

TELEPHONE MATERIAL supplied on Sale or Hire. AGENTS for ELECTRIC LIGHTING, both A.C. and INCANDESCENT. Estimates furnished free.

H. F. BAYLOR,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, September 29, 1888. 1610

THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, January 24, 1889. 140

Notice of Firm.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

M. G. E. NOBLE has been Appointed CHIEF MANAGER of the BANK from the 1st January, 1889.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 31, 1888. 2221

Shipping.

Steamers.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. L'AQUEROT POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Co's Steamship *Djinnah*, Captain Fawcett, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about FRIDAY, the 1st February.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 26, 1889. 155

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Co's Steamship *Patroclus*, Captain Fawcett, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 2nd Proximo.

Passengers for Europe desiring to proceed OVERLAND, can, on application to the Under-said, have their Tickets endorsed for onward travel at Algiers enchaque for Coupon Tickets to Marseilles (by Transatlantic Company's express boats), and thence to Paris or London. Algiers is 28 hours steam from Marseilles, and thence to London occupies about the same time.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, January 22, 1889. 128

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY. (Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for SINGAPORE, PENANG, NEW ORLEANS, HONGKONG, SHANGHAI, and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co's Steamship *Dardanelles*, Captain Fawcett, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 3rd Proximo.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, January 25, 1889. 151

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Co's Steamship *Taiwan*, Capt. JACKSON, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 4th of February, at Noon.

This Steamer has superior First-class Accommodation, specially constructed to meet the requirements of tropical climates.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL.....\$300,000.
Divided into 30,000 Shares of \$10 each.

Of which 15,000 Shares are offered to the Public.
(The remaining 15,000 Shares have been taken up on the same terms as the Shares now offered to the Public.)

Payment to be as follows:—
ON APPLICATION.....\$1.
ON ALLOTMENT.....\$1.

The Balance at call (on One Month's notice being given) as required to meet drafts for purchase of Plant and other uses for the purposes and the extension of the business of the Company.

Applications for Shares, accompanied by a deposit of \$1 per Share, must be sent in to THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or before the 12th day of February, 1889.

Directors:
THE HONORABLE JOHN BELL, IRVING,
THE HONORABLE CATHARTIC PAUL CHARTER,
THE HONORABLE HENDRY LAYTON,
HENRY LAYTON, Esq.,
LORENZ FÖRSTER, Esq.,
AND
ALFRED PARKER, Esq.,
Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Bankers.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
Messrs. SHARP, JOHNSON AND STOKES.

THE principal object for which this Company has been formed is to supply the city of Victoria, Kowloon and the Peak with the Electric Light. A subsidiary object is the supply of electric motor power wherever it may be required, and negotiations are now being carried on with the Government to supply the necessary power for pumping water from the Albany Tank to a reservoir or tank to be established at the Peak.

The advantages of the Electric Light are so well recognized that but little need be said on the subject. It is, however, peculiarly adapted for use here on account of its being almost entirely free from heat and unaffected by wind, and also on account of its almost perfect freedom from danger by fire.

Estimates of working expenses, cost of supply, &c., have been carefully gone into, and the Directors have no doubt that the light can be supplied at rates which will compare favourably with the price paid for gas in the Colony, while for quality, power and convenience, the light will be much superior to any other kind of lighting.

In the estimates are included cost of sufficient engine power, plant, &c., for Electric Street Lighting as the well known Arc System. Negotiations with a good prospect of success, are being carried on with the Government for a contract for this purpose.

A very suitable site for the Engine-house has been selected, and the machinery has been purchased and will be made over to the Company at cost price.

It is proposed to order from England at once the necessary plant and dynamo on the latest and most approved principle adopted in England and America. The London Electric Supply Company are at present engaged in installing in London a plant to supply 250,000 lights on this principle.

The income will of course depend much on the number of lights supplied, but as the price will be light for light, less than gas, there can be no doubt that the electric light will be generally adopted. It is believed that 3,000 burners are made use of, it is believed that the Company will be able to pay a satisfactory dividend, and its dividend will increase with the increase in the demand for the light.

The value of the shares has been fixed at \$10 with the view of bringing the shares within the reach of all of the community who are likely to use the light, and who will thus have a better opportunity of becoming shareholders than if the shares were of a higher value. It is intended that as wide a distribution of the shares shall be made as possible.

No promotion money will be paid.
For prospectus and for forms of application for shares, apply to the
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
or to
Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Dated the 24th day of January, 1889. 143



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Surgeon Dentist,
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Discount to missionaries and families.
Sole Address:
2, DUDDELL STREET,
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)
Hongkong, January 12, 1889. 66

RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN FORMOSA.—By Mr. C. Taylor.
This Article, which has been reprinted from the China Review, contains one of the best sketches of Formosa ever written. A few roughly-etched woodcuts are included in the pamphlet.
May be had—Price, \$1—at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and Messrs. KELLY & WALES, Limited, Hongkong; also, Mr. N. MOULLE, Amoy.
Hongkong, March 8, 1889. 293

Intimations.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOITLANDER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES. BROWN'S LEVER AND OTHER WATCHES. ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English Silver & Electro-Plated Ware. Christofle & Co.'s Electro-Plated Ware. GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety.

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A Splendid Collection of the Latest London Patterns, at very moderate prices. 748

NOTICE.
HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand. Orders for REPAIRS of all kinds, should be sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-Signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,
Hongkong, August 25, 1888. 1458

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.
SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
S.S. CARMARTHENSHIRE,
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP,
LONDON, &c.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all goods, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon on the day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all of its being almost entirely free from heat and unaffected by wind, and also on account of its almost perfect freedom from danger by fire.

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It is proposed to order from England at once the necessary plant and dynamo on the latest and most approved principle adopted in England and America. The London Electric Supply Company are at present engaged in installing in London a plant to supply 250,000 lights on this principle.

The income will of course depend much on the number of lights supplied, but as the price will be light for light, less than gas, there can be no doubt that the electric light will be generally adopted. It is believed that 3,000 burners are made use of, it is believed that the Company will be able to pay a satisfactory dividend, and its dividend will increase with the increase in the demand for the light.

The value of the shares has been fixed at \$10 with the view of bringing the shares within the reach of all of the community who are likely to use the light, and who will thus have a better opportunity of becoming shareholders than if the shares were of a higher value. It is intended that as wide a distribution of the shares shall be made as possible.

No promotion money will be paid.
For prospectus and for forms of application for shares, apply to the
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
or to
Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Dated the 24th day of January, 1889. 143

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA (FONDO E RENDITA UNITA CONSIGLIA.)

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY, Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers, to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, (LEGHORN), and GENOA; also, to MODERNEBARE, ADRIATICO, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN Ports, up to CHILLO. Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD.

The Co.'s Steamship Biassini, Capt. Tocassini, will be despatched as above on or about the 8th February.

At Bombay the Steamers are discharging in VICTORIA'S DOCK.
For further Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 30, 1889. 179

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship Shenan, Captain PEARSON, will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the outward English Mail.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, January 30, 1889. 183

FOR NEW YORK.
The Steamship Strathmore, Captain PEARSON, will be despatched for the above Ports on or about the 15th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 30, 1889. 188

To-day's Advertisements.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGA-SAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship Trossa, will leave for the above places on SATURDAY, 2nd February, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, January 30, 1889. 182

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship Glenlochy, Captain BRASS, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 2nd of February, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents,
Hongkong, January 30, 1889. 178

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR HAYRE, HAMBURG AND LONDON.

The Steamship Merneithshire, Captain DOWLING, will leave for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 7th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
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Hongkong, January 30, 1889. 187

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGA-SAKI AND KOBE.
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The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship Gudlar, will leave for the above places on FRIDAY, 8th February, at Noon.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
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STEAM TO SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, PORT SAID, MALTA, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA AND AUSTRALIA.
N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERMAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIAL ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship PENANG, Capt. H. WYATT, will leave for LONDON, via BOMBAY and SUEZ CANAL, on WEDNESDAY, 13th February, at Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Passengers will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Silk and Valerines for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo. Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than the ordinary direct route via Colombo.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment. Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bill of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.
E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
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Not Responsible for Debts.
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ADAM W. SPIES, American barque, Capt. A. D. Field.—Russell & Co.
EMER, British barque, Capt. W. Summers.—Molchers & Co.
IRAN, British schooner, Captain Henry C. Swan.—Stiemmen & Co.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA, LIMITED, CHEMISTS.

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WHEY MELLIN'S FOOD IS THE BEST FOR INFANTS AND INVALIDS. MELLIN'S FOOD dissolved in milk, yields a PERFECT Food, after Nature's Model, containing all the substances required for the support and nourishment of the whole body.

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22, QUEEN'S ROAD.
TELEPHONE No. 60.
Hongkong, January 20, 1889. 152

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

January 29, 1889:—
Marie, German str., 704, C. A. Hurd-wald, Haiphong January 27, Rice.—A. R. MARTY.

January 31:—
Biassini, Italian steamer, 1,490, Tognasso, Bombay and Singapore January 22, General.—CAR. OWITZ & Co.
Haitan, British steamer, 1,183, S. Ashton, Foochow January 27, Amoy 28, and Swatow 29, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.
Cockshofer, British gunboat, 465, Capt. Maxwell, Shanghai January 27.

February 1:—
Foolman, British steamer, 991, W. E. Saver, Wuhu January 26, Rice.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Lepor, British gunboat, 469, Capt. Smith, Amoy January 29.

DEPARTURES.
January 30:—
Frer, for Haiphong.
Weyson, for Saigon.
Wolf, German gunboat, for Manila.
Bengal, for Europe, &c.
Cardisbrooke, for Saigon.
Duke of Wellington, for Singapore and New York.

CLEARED.
Deceyong, for Haiphong.
Lugbara, for Saigon.
Alicia, for Hailow and Pakhoi.

PASSENGERS.
Alicia.
Per Marie, from Haiphong, Mr. O. von der Heyde, and 60 Chinese.
Per Biassini, from Singapore, 1 European, and 200 Chinese.
Per Biassini, from Coast Ports, Messrs Scott and De Olla, and 15 Chinese.
Per Foolman, from Wuhu, 10 Chinese.

DEPART.
Per Alicia, for Hailow, 200 Chinese.

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For NAGASAKI, KORE & YOKOHAMA.
For Fusan, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 1st February.

For SAIGON.—
For Triump, at 11.30 a.m., on Friday, the 1st February.

For STRAITS & LONDON.—
For Glenlochy, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 2nd February.

For STRAITS & CALOUTTA.—
For Taisang, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 4th February.

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0.15 p.m. Registry closes.
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HOURS OF CLOSING THE ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS.
When the Packets leave at Noon.

The following hours will be observed in closing the Mails for Europe, &c., by the English and French Packets, when they leave at Noon. The Money Order Office will be closed at 5 o'clock before.

8.00 a.m.—Posting of Prices Current and Circulars ceases.
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11.00 a.m.—Mail closes.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Local Banks close.

General Memoranda.
SATURDAY, February 3:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the H.K. & S. Bank, Ltd., at No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central.

3.30 p.m.—Spoon Competition of the H.K. Rifle Association.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge. Goods per Braunschweig undelivered after this date subject to rent.

would be greatly increased. But even in the present condition of affairs, a far greater influence could be exercised by the unofficial members if they cared to exert themselves.

As to the composition of the Executive Council, we are on the whole inclined to endorse Mr. Francis' opinion, that it ought to consist simply of the Governor, the Officer commanding the troops, the Colonial Secretary, and the Attorney General. His argument against heads of departments being members of a body which is supposed to supervise them is very strong and perhaps unanswerable. The same objection, however, does not apply to their being members of the Legislative Council. It will for a long time yet to come, as we have said, be necessary to have an official majority, and that can only be secured by appointing certain official members of the Council. If these official members represent any branch of the Government that has to do with the finances, peace, trade or shipping of the Colony, their presence might be a gain, however anomalous their position was when it came to be a question of voting.

Mr. Francis' concluding suggestion that an Association should be formed here such as has been formed in the Straits Settlements and, we believe, in Ceylon, to watch over local interests and examine Government measures, is a very good one and one we have often mentioned. It would tend to create and keep alive that interest in local politics which the residents cannot help to get their wishes attended to. If such an association had a branch in London, some influence also might be brought to that influential gentleman whom Mr. Francis has described—the permanent Under Secretary who rules our destinies in Downing Street. And perhaps one of the main reasons why we have not seen more of him is that he is in a position to be a member for Hongkong. There have been some M. P.s to whom the name of 'Member for India' has been given.

The report of the year's work in the Post Office does not state this year the whole and the particulars, some constructive remarks that used to characterize such documents when they were edited by the Hon. Alfred Lester. But the Acting Postmaster General (Mr. Trevelyan) has the courtesy to tell, in different language, of a staff insufficient to meet the increased correspondence which the growing trade of the Colony involves, and of a building altogether inadequate for the work that has to be done in it. While regard to the latter defect has been perhaps even stronger than that of the chief. He says:—The present building was constructed in the year 1865 to meet the requirements of the Colony at that time. Since then work has gone on year by year considerably increased until every available space is occupied. A pillar box system and a house delivery are very much needed, and to carry out these improvements satisfactorily, it is necessary to almost double our Chinese staff, but then we have no place to house them. The present staff are housed together in a very inconvenient manner. It is true a small allowance might be granted them to live outside, but for obvious reasons it is preferable that they should reside on the premises. We also require separate stamp windows for Europeans and Chinese. A visit to the Post Office on a mail day would convince anybody of this. Space is very limited in the Colony, and we can appreciate the difficulty the Government has in meeting the wishes of the Postal Department as to accommodation. We can only hope that in the great rearrangement that will take place as the new Post Office is being built a corner will be found, whether it be adjacent to the Cricket Ground or nearer the centre of the city, for a new and commodious Post Office. In the meantime, however, as it will be two or three years before this can be accomplished, it ought not to be impossible, if a serious effort were made, to afford such temporary accommodation as would enable the Department to meet the demand for increased postal facilities. As regards increase of staff there is no excuse for the Government not complying with the oft-repeated requests of the Postmaster General. Speedy delivery of letters is all-essential in a commercial centre like Hongkong, and the revenue of the Colony is in no flourishing condition that the Government are in duty bound to grant that is required for the improvement and development of this service.

The rest of the report is mostly taken up with a summary of the work of the year, showing an increase all round. As we mentioned some time ago, a renewed effort is being made to have the mails by the French steamer and Hongkong; and as the movement is supported by the Governor and the French Consul and is, we believe, approved of by the Agent here, we hope that it will succeed. A delay of two or three hours seems a small matter in a mail that takes more than four weeks to come, but this delay often involves the loss of a mail in answering letters, which is a serious matter for merchants. A Peak delivery was established and a Kowloon delivery were the efforts of the Government, and we have no doubt that these arrangements would be

TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to THE CHINA MAIL.)

(Via Southern Line.)

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CRICKET.—H. K. C. O. v. Army & Navy.

The above match will commence to-morrow at 10.30 a.m. Tiffin on the ground.

The following is the Club team:—E. J. Coxon (Capt.), G. S. Coxon, T. S. Smith, E. W. Maitland, F. Maitland, C. S. Barff, L. C. Barff, T. E. Davies, C. A. Tones, E. Travers, and A. N. Osher.

F. Howitt, Balliff of the Supreme Court, brought a charge of assault and obstruction against a dairy-keeper, named Poor Box, before Mr. Pollock in the Police Court to-day. The complainant said he received instructions from Mr. Wise, Acting Registrar of the Supreme Court, yesterday, to go to the defendant's house at Wong-ni-chong and take two children from that place and hand them over to an Indian gentleman named Abdul Fokura. He went to the house accompanied by Mr. McBeane, another officer of the Court, and after the object of their visit had been explained, the defendant and his wife and the two children in question came out of the house and walked along the road with the complainant and McBeane. After going a short distance complainant got into a ricksha, taking one of the children with him, and drove off. The defendant shouted something to the child, who began to cry and wanted to get out of the ricksha. The driver stopped, and the defendant came up and aimed a blow at complainant's head with a stick. Complainant parried the blow and retaliated by hitting Poor Box on the mouth with his hand, and he said to No. 2 Station for police assistance before he could carry out his mission. Mr. Wise, Registrar, explained that a man named Ball died some time ago leaving an estate of \$100 and the two children in question, and shortly afterwards defendant came to the Registrar's office with the two children and claimed the estate. His claim was refused as he had no proof to support it, and he went away. He had returned several times since, trying to get money. From inquiries made it was found that he was not a proper person to have charge of the children, and a respectable man was found who was willing to take charge of them for nothing, the \$100 being retained for the benefit of the children. The complainant's statement was corroborated by Mr. McBeane, and his Worship bound the defendant over to be of good behaviour for three months under a bond of \$50, with the alternative of a week's imprisonment.

The U. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Dezdemona*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 25th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 1st prox.The P. & O. steamer *Dezdemona*, from Bombay, left Singapore for this port on the 25th instant, at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 2nd prox.The China Shippers' Mutual S. N. Co.'s steamer *China*, from Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 27th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 2nd prox.The D. D. R. steamer *Iphigenia* left Singapore for this port on the 24th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 4th prox.The Canadian Pacific Line steamer *Parthia* left Vancouver for Japan and China on the 22nd instant.The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Khai* left Bombay for this port on the 25th Jan.

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To-morrow being a General Holiday, there will be no issue of the *China Mail*.

We hear that Chang Kien-shan, a scholar, who has been in the colony for some time, has been employed at the Hongkong Club, was found drowned in the harbour at Wai Point on Monday. The circumstances of the case have a somewhat suspicious appearance, and investigations are being made.

The first day of the Chinese New Year (to-morrow) will, as usual, be a general holiday in Hongkong. The Government offices, banks, and most of the other places of business in the Colony will be closed, for the day. The Government have given the customary indulgence to the Chinese community in the matter of cracker-firing. Europeans who have the misfortune to live within earshot of the irritating sounds would almost require a special indulgence in the matter of strong language. The annual fair in Jervois Street was in full swing last night, and the Chinese were busy making their New Year purchases.

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